Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) An inmate visitation system, comprising:

means for receiving a visitation request from an inmate for a plurality of potential visitors to attend the same visitation, each of said visitors being named in said request by said inmate;

means for sending from one of the plurality of potential visitors a registration request for each of the plurality of potential visitors based upon the received visitation request;

means for receiving registration information based upon the sent registration request;

means for determining whether the visitation request from the inmate is approved or disapproved; and

means for communicating the approval or disapproval of the visitation request.

2.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for recording information associated with one or more of the visitation request, the registration request and the visitation approval or disapproval.

3.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the means for determining

is at least one of a prison official and an analytical process that reviews at least one of historical

visitation requests and visitation data.

4.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the means for recording

further maintains a history of potential visitors including the plurality of potential visitors

requested by the inmate.

5.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the visitation request

includes at least one of a name, address, telephone number and relationship to the inmate of at

least one of the plurality of potential visitors.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

      means for scheduling, for approved ones of the potential visitors, an available

time to visit the inmate.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method for registering potential visitors of incarcerated

inmates, comprising:

      receiving a visitation request from an inmate for a plurality of potential visitors to

attend the same visitation, each of said visitors being named in said request by said inmate;

      sending from one of the plurality of potential visitors a registration request for

each of the plurality of potential visitors based upon the received visitation request;

      receiving registration information based upon the sent registration request;

determining whether the visitation request from the inmate is approved or disapproved; and

communicating the approval or disapproval of the visitation request.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

recording information associated with one or more of the visitation request, the registration request and the visitation approval or disapproval.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining is at least one of a manual and an automated process that reviews at least one of historical visitation requests and visitation data.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein recording further comprises maintaining a history of potential visitors including the plurality of potential visitors requested by the inmate.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the visitation request includes at least one of a name, address, telephone number and relationship to the inmate of at least one of the plurality of potential visitors.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

scheduling, for approved ones of the potential visitors, an available time to visit the inmate.

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product including computer-readable

program code for use in a computer, said computer readable program code comprising:

visitation registration program code for

receiving a visitation request from an inmate for a plurality of potential

visitors to attend the same visitation, each of said visitors being named in said request by said

inmate;

automatically approving or disapproving a registration request for each of

the plurality of potential visitors, the registration request sent from one of the plurality of

potential visitors for each of the plurality of potential visitors based upon the visitation request;

and

recording information associated with at least one of the visitation request

and the registration request; and

visitation scheduling program code for scheduling, for approved ones of the

plurality of potential visitors, an available time to visit the inmate.

14.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the

visitation scheduling program code is accessed by an approved potential visitor

15.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the

visitation registration program code further comprises communicating disapproval of the

registration request in response to the registration request.

16.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the visitation registration program code further allows the plurality of potential visitors to access a status of the registration request.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13 , wherein if additional information is needed the visitation registration program code further places the registration request on hold pending the additional information.

18.   (Currently Amended) An automated method to register and schedule a plurality of potential visitors in a given timeslot for a visit with an inmate, the method comprising:

receiving names of the plurality of potential visitors from the inmate along with a request to provide registration information of all said potential visitors in order to schedule visitation the visit with the inmate, the request being received by one of the plurality of potential visitors;

supplying the requested registration information to a sender of the request, the requested registration information being supplied by the one potential visitor about each one of the plurality of potential visitors;

receiving an approval notification for at least one of the plurality of potential visitors;

accessing a visitation schedule to enter a proposed visiting time corresponding to the given timeslot to schedule the visit with the inmate;

determining whether the inmate is available at the proposed visiting time; and

if the inmate is available during the proposed visiting time, receiving a schedule and confirmation number.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the request is based upon a visitation request supplied by the inmate.

20.   (Currently Amended) In a network having at least one visitor network interface linked to at least one prison network interface by way of a computer system running a visitation scheduling software module, an automated method to register and schedule a plurality of potential visitors in a same timeslot for a visit with an inmate, the method comprising:

one of the plurality of potential visitors using the at least one visitor network interface to receive a request over the network from the at least one prison network interface, the request including names of the potential visitors supplied by said inmate and being made for registration information to schedule a visitation by the plurality of potential visitors with the inmate;

the one potential visitor supplying the requested registration information to the at least one prison network interface about each one of the plurality of potential visitors;

receiving an approval notification for at least one of the plurality of potential visitors;

accessing the visitation scheduling software module to schedule a visit with the inmate by entering a proposed visiting time corresponding to the given timeslot;

determining whether the inmate is available at the proposed visiting time; and

receiving a schedule and confirmation number if the inmate is available during the proposed visiting time.